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## "Who's Who" Names Avila Seniors

The 1981 edition of **"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges"** will carry the names of seven seniors from Avila College, who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding students.

The Avila College nominating committee and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Avila College are **Lisa Gioia, Janet Freeman, Robin Walsh, Maureen Lillich, Mary Walter, Mary Mudd, and David Potter.**

## STEER DINNER 1981

The American Royal FFA Steer Benefit dinner for Avila College will be Friday, February 20.

As the primary fund-raising event for the college, the evening will include entertainment and prizes of wine.

The festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour in the Marian Centre Lounge.

Dinner will follow at 8:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Bob Wormington

will serve as the event's emcee.

Auctioning of choice steaks will begin after dinner. New to this year's benefit will be the opportunity to vacation at Ambergis Lodge in San Pedro, Belize, Central America, provided by John Latshaw.

To be a part of the American Royal FFA Steer Benefit places may be reserved at \$50 per plate. Please call 942-8400 to make reservations.

## Counselors Serve as Advisory Group

As an advisory group to the President, the Board of Counselors purpose is to counsel the President and Board of Trustees in college affairs.

The Board of Counselors assists in community relations and in securing funds for operation and development.

Members are elected for a four-year term by the Board of Counselors at their annual meeting.

The Board may consist of not

less than ten or more than 36 members.

John J. Fallon and Richard Coleman serve as Board of Counselors Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

Twelve specialized committees focus on several aspects of Avila College.

Briefly, the committees and chairs are Finance, **Ron Bennett**; Financial Planning, **Jack Kitchin**; President's Scholarship Club, **Bob Fisher.**

Continuing Support, **Sister Olive Louise**; Scholarship Sponsors, **Rosemary Kilker**; Alumni, **Mary Hennessey.**

Friends of the Library, **Connie Lynn Borserine**; Education, **Dean G. Richard Scott**; Plant, **Dick Coleman.**

Community Relations, **Bob Wormington**; Recruitment, **Dean Lynn Cupkie**; and Neighborhood Council, **Bill Dunn, Jr.**

Presently, there are 36 members on the Board of Counselors. Each donates to the College their time and expertise to make Avila strong.

**Masthead Photo:** As members of the Board of Trustees, Alfred J. Blasco, Sister Marie Damien Adams, and Sister Frances Virginia Cholet participate in the responsibility for the conduct and management of Avila College that is vested in the Board of Trustees.



Several members of the Board of Counselors: (standing) Virginia Irving, Dean Scott, Dorothy Whitfield, Pat Martin, Bill Lovell, Mary Jo McCann, Helen Lillis, Ron Bennett, Betty Martin, Virginia Murphy; (seated) Jack Kitchin, Ed Thornhill, James Flanagan, Mary Lou Lillis (hidden), Jack Fallon, and Jerry Powell.

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## Grant Assists Degree Completion Program

Avila College has been collaborating with R.N.'s to enable them to complete degree requirements since 1970.

Throughout the past ten years, efforts have been made to improve and expand the N.L.N. accredited program and to meet the individual learning needs of professional nurses.

Recently, a grant from the Department of Health, and Human Services has been received which will facilitate further enhancement of the curriculum and services offered.

To recognize and accommodate the uniqueness of each applicant, a full-time counselor/advisor has been appointed.

She is available to meet with prospective and enrolled students to discuss options, plan programs of study, evaluate past academic and professional experience on an

individual basis, assist with time, stress and financial management.

A media specialist has been added to the department nursing staff and provisions for refurbishing the learning laboratory are being implemented.

Suggestions for making classes more accessible and available to R.N.'s continuing their employment are being explored.

The college is maintaining its articulation with area community colleges and is offering pre-requisite courses at St. Joseph, Children's Mercy and North Kansas City Hospitals.

Information about Avila's program and B.S.N. degree completion options may be received by calling Kay Sullivan, R.N.B. Counselor, 942-8400, Ext. 271.

## Letters Determine Biographical Drama

Patricia Crutcher and Loren Leiser have the starring roles in "**Dear Liar**," a biographical drama adapted from correspondence between George Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patricia Campbell.

Performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Goppert Theatre on February 13, 14, 20, and 21.

The play, adapted by Jerome Kitty, is directed by Alan Nichols.

## AVILA ALUMNI EVENTS

**February 9 . . . Janssen Chamber Players,**  
Marian Centre Lounge, 8:00 p.m.

**February 11 . . . Executive Committee Meeting,**  
Alumni Board, 7:30 p.m.

**February 13 . . . Alumni First Nighter DEAR**  
**LIAR,** Goppert Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

**April 3 . . . Alumni First Nighter THE FAN-**  
**TASTICKS,** musical by Schmidt and Jones,  
Goppert Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

## Program Attracts Inactive Nurses

Through funding from the Jacob L. and Ella C. Loose Foundation, a program has been designed to attract inactive nurses back into active nursing.

The purpose of the Re-entry to Nursing Program is to provide the opportunity for and assist the inactive nurse to become actively employed.

The program is designed with six hours of theory being conducted at Avila and 16 hours of clinical practice, done cooperatively with a staff nurse.

At the completion of the program, the re-entry nurse will be willing to work one eight hour shift per week where clinical experience was obtained.

In the Greater Kansas City area, there are some 350 positions available for registered nurses to be employed even after new graduates have been hired.

For further information call Nancy Barr, Project Director, 942-8400, Ext. 286.



Borserine Nurse Education Centre houses faculty offices, classrooms, and a learning laboratory to facilitate nursing programs.